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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director for Management  
and Services  
Deputy Director for Science  
and Technology  
Legislative Counsel  
General Counsel

FROM : Acting Director of Security

SUBJECT : Release of Material on the Agency's  
Use of Polygraph to the House  
Committee on Government Operations

1. Action Requested: It is requested that you approve the attached unclassified statement to be provided the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee, House Government Operations Committee at the hearing scheduled for 6 June 1974.

## 2. Basic Data:

a. On 5 October 1973 you received a questionnaire from Forrest E. Brown, Director, United States General Accounting Office, acting for the Chairman of the Subcommittee, for information on the use by Federal agencies of polygraphs and psychological stress evaluations and of telephone monitoring and other surveillance practices. You responded on 17 April 1974.

b. On 9 May 1974 you received a letter from Representative William J. Thorpe, Chairman, Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee requesting Agency testimony on 6 June 1974 to supplement information provided in our response to the October 1973 questionnaire. A "high-ranking" official, a "policy witness" is requested. He is to be accompanied by an expert

who has intimate knowledge of the extent and nature of the use of polygraph. The initial prepared statement is to be limited to ten minutes. Questions from the Subcommittee members will follow.

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c. Mr. [REDACTED], Associate Legislative Counsel, has met with staff members of the Subcommittee. They provided a fairly definitive outline of their objectives in the scheduled hearing. They agreed in principle that the Agency representative give the requested ten-minute prepared statement in open session and then request executive session for questions and answers because classified information may be required. The Subcommittee objective is to update previous hearings of 1964 and to establish "what the pattern has been over the last decade." They would seek to determine to what extent more use is being made of technical means for employment screening or "plugging the leaks." They are also interested in the loss of polygraph to other agencies. The Subcommittee would appreciate any available comparisons between present and previous use of the polygraph.

d. We have drafted the attached material for your consideration and propose its use as the required prepared statement in open session by the Deputy Director for Management and Services, who will serve as the Agency representative.

3. Staff Position: We believe this material provides an accurate unclassified summary of the Agency's polygraph program and is responsive to the Committee's request.

4. Recommendation: In view of the above, it is recommended that you approve the use of the attached material as the Agency's prepared statement to be provided in open session to the Subcommittee on 5 June.

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SIGNED  
[REDACTED]

Acting Director of Security

Attn:

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CONCURRENCES:

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/s/ [REDACTED]  
for Carl E. Buckett  
Deputy Director  
for  
Science and Technology

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/s/ [REDACTED]  
for John S. Warner  
General Counsel

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/s/ [REDACTED]  
for George L. Cary, Jr.  
Legislative Counsel

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/s/ Harold L. Brownman

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HAROLD L. BROWNMAN  
Deputy Director  
for  
Management and Services

Date

APPROVED:

/s/ Harold L. Brownman

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per telephone conversation  
with Mr. Colby.

DISAPPROVED:

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